



Good Bye Covid! — Time for Bling in Spring!

The green tips of spring flower bulbs are starting to peak out of the snow signaling the positive change in weather. The sun's yellow brilliance is getting stronger everyday as the daylight hours extend longer into the evening. The beauty of these sights are being greeted with even better news as the downward trend of illnesses due to Covid Omicron Virus decreases. The Bling of Spring is quickly approaching as we anticipate the 2022 Vintage Used Jewelry Sale at the CoBACH Center.

Spread throughout the first floor you will see over 4000 quality pieces of jewelry to peak every possible interest. There is a large influx of never seen bling because this sale has been cancelled for the past two years due to Covid. All items are priced to sell. Most pieces are in the \$1—\$5 range. All jewelry is packaged in small vinyl sleeves with a color coordinated background. The attractive packaging makes this jewelry desirable for gifts and personal use. Remember Mother's Day, graduation and proms are directly after this sale.

The CoBACH Center will have special extended hours. This annual programming fundraiser for the Brighton Area Historical Society is **tentatively scheduled to run Friday, April 29 through Saturday, May 7. Estimated open hours will be 3—9pm.**

If you would like to donate jewelry to support the local programming of the Brighton Area Historical Society, please contact Jim Vichich. Professional staff can repair broken jewelry.

Follow our Facebook page for updates and schedule of operational hours as we approach the April 29—May 7 sale dates.

Downtown Brighton's Ladies Night Out will be Thursday, May 5.

We invite all to join the fun and get bargains!

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If you need written confirmation of a contribution you made to the Society during 2021, please contact Jerry Damon at 248-345-4080.

Current CoBACH

Exhibit:

Casual Quilters

CoBACH HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

**Archiving at Lyon School
at Lyon Schoolhouse
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

**See Page 2 for
Additional details**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2022 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: George Allen, Bradley Beal (2024), Jim Birney Family, Bob & Pam Brantley*, Mary Ann Catrell, Bill & Jacqueline Damm, Philip Gage, Evelyn Gallegos, Rudy & Doreen Meffert, Bob & Shirley Knight, Ed & Sherry Nyhus, Lois Paquette*, Tom Reinke, Barbara Smith, Bill & Hilary Sproule*, Mary Lou Winegar, Geneva Kebler Wiskemann (2023), Susan Zimmermann

PATRON: Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley*, Nicholas Deychakiwsky, Caitlyn Perry Dial, Lin Millar,

***WELCOME new members:** Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley, Bob & Pam Brantley, Lois Paquette, Bill & Hilary Sproule

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- Natalie & Todd Buckley for donations from the sales of Brighton Advertising vintage tee-shirts from Wallflower Mercantile.
- Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley for her donation to the Society along with her dues.
- Mary Ann Catrell, Bill & Hilary Sproule for their donations to CoBACH along with their dues.
- Bob & Shirley Knight for their donation in memory of Carol McMacken.
- Madi Enterprises/Canopy Lounge for their donation to the Society.

- Rudy & Doreen Meffert, Bill & Jacqueline Damm for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund along with their dues.
- Bob & Shirley Knight, Mary Lou Winegar for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Denton Farley of Fly Consulting for the excellent work of installing a three-computer local area network in the archival room at Lyon School.
- Bob & Pam Brantley for their donation to Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH and Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund.
- CoBACH volunteers for February: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Jim Vichich for multiple snow shoveling of the Lyon School sidewalk, ramp and deck.
- Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Pat Smith and Jim Vichich for continued work of installing new wall mounted metal shelving at Lyon School. Additional improvements to the archival room will be made through a generous donation.
- Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless and Lynn Strong for their continued archival room improvements.

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of

Elaine Blight

Elaine was a long-time member of the Society .

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm. Masks must be worn.

CURRENT EXHIBIT: March—April: Casual Quilters

FUTURE EXHIBITS: May—June: Mills of Brighton Area

Lyon School Open Dates: March 3,10,17,24,31;Thursdays: Archiving work from 9-11:59am. Masks must be worn.

March 23, 2022: Next BAHS Board Meeting at 6PM, CoBACH.

Friday, April 29 through Saturday, May 7, 2022 at CoBACH Center.

Vintage Used Jewelry Sale: Tentative upon continued Covid decline.

Follow our Brighton Area Historical Society Facebook page for latest information & hours of operation.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.)
Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon
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Advance Craft Builders (2022) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library **
Brighton Lions Club (2021) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2021)
Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2021) — Golfview Painting (2022) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body **
Livingston County Convention Visitors Bureau (2021) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Michigan Consulting & Environmental (2021)
Neighbors Magazine (2021) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2022) — Preview Properties (2022) — Promess, Inc.**
Refrigeration Research ** — Serra Honda Brighton (2022) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2022)

2022 Sponsorships

Bronze: Carolina DeLuca

Silver: Frank & Josephine Del Vero

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () _____
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Additional Donation to—Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
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The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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BAHS Leadership 2022

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Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

CoBACH Center

202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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The current exhibit at the CoBACH Center in downtown Brighton, next to the Millpond, is a display of quilts. We hope you enjoy this story and will visit CoBACH to see these beautiful quilts. Hours for CoBACH are found on the front page.

Casual Quilters — Part One

In 1981, Jackie Chenoweth opened a fabric store at 428 W. Main Street called "Quilts, Etc." The store was located where the Dandelion Bookstore is currently. Women had been gathering at the fabric shop for sewing classes and getting together to sew. In 1991, as Jackie Chenoweth was set to close the fabric shop, Ruth Spangler and Kellie Perrault approached Jackie and asked if they could place a clipboard on her counter for people to sign up that would like to continue meeting in the evening and form a quilt guild after the shop closed. Quilts, Etc. closed in July 1991. A list of 50 women signed the clipboard.

The first two meetings were held at the Methodist church on Grand River. They then met in the Miller School kindergarten room for several months. Then they moved over to St. Paul's church basement. Due to the parking issues in town, in 2008 they moved to St. Pats, meeting in the basement there. This is where they meet currently.

The ladies chose the name of Casual Quilters, because that is what they wanted the group to be, *Casual*. Some already belonged to the Ann Arbor guild group and did not want to be that structured, taking up meeting times to have a business meeting. They just wanted a friendly, comfortable setting to sit and stitch and enjoy each other's company. They met on the first Monday of each month, and that has not changed since the inception of the group.

Quilters came a long distance to join, such as West Bloomfield, Livonia, Redford, Fowlerville etc. since Brighton was one of the few guilds to join at that time. In the beginning the group met only in Spring and Fall. There were no summer meetings. Now they meet year round.

Some of the early participants included: Ruth Spangler, Kellie Perrault, Deb Gough, Lynn Sandula, Gayle Ode, Lou Prine, Jan Nibble, Nancy DeAngelis, Jane Bak, Pat LaForest, Mary Nabozny, Denise Smith and her mother Marlene Visger. One of the members, Beverly Braun, has a

quilt in the Smithsonian. Another quilt member, Clare Long, was a costume designer in Hollywood.

Somewhere along the way, quilting retreats began to form. A trip to Shipshewana, Indiana was the first. Followed by the Howell Nature Center, and then more retreats began. Shopping and mystery trips formed. Always something to gather the individuals together in a common bond.

The group has been supportive of many community projects. They made annual raffle quilts for St. Paul's Church, in exchange for rent, and LACASA. The group stills makes an annual quilt for LACASA for their raffle. They made a quilt for a substance abuse children's group that hung on the wall at Maplegrove in West Bloomfield, a part of the Henry Ford Hospital, for 25 years. Quilts were also made for Kosovo & Habitat for Humanity.

To Be Continued in our April issue...

(Thanks to Mindy Kinsey, Ruth Spangler, Deb Gough, Gayle Ode and Andrea Michaels for their input to this story)



Front Row—L to R: Deb Gough, Jan Nibble, Randee Scholz, ??, Gayle Ode. Second Row —L to R: Barb Anderson, Barb Petersen, Helen Van Blarcum, Jackie Chenoweth, Catherine Cosineau. Back Row —L to R: Nancy DeAngelis, Mary Nabozny, June Darrow, Lynne Sandula, ??, Ruth Spangler, Kathleen Goebel, Marlene Visger.